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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 28, 2005 OFFICE ACTION**

To: **Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 28, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 28, 2006.

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